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Hi Bob, please see request from Ron.

Ron, please note that Utah is a COOP state and Craig Dietrich at UDOH is the state lead for the COOP program. This is sort of mixed turf because ATSDR Region 9 takes the lead for all of Navajo, but UDOH is our COOP program. Craig does excellent work. He and Bob are in contact.

Best,  
David

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Good morning,

On this morning's Utah State Coordination Call concerning the Gold King Mine Water Release, Patrick Reid (Utah DEM) stated that there are issues with consistent public health messaging concerning drinking water for the Navajo residing in Utah. I believe part of the issue is that response coordination for the Navajo is being addressed from Federal Region 9, via the EPA (Utah resides in Federal Region 8).

Patrick explained to me that San Juan County is 70% native American (Navajo), 30% non-native American. Of that 70%, it is estimated that 60% live on the reservation, while the rest reside in the county.

Is there a way in which ATSDR and IHS can assist Utah DOH and San Juan County in providing consistent public health messaging?

As always, thanks in advance!

Ron

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